GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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FUNDS FOR FAST TRACK COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for release of funds for construction of Fast Track Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the Union Government is likely to release the funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (c) The Central Government provided an amount of Rs. 433.74 crore in the period 2000-01 to 2004-05 to the States for setting up and operating Fast Track Courts (FTCs) that were initially to operate up to 31.3.2005. Government extended the scheme of assistance to the States for continuing to operate the 1562 Fast Track Courts operational in all the States as on 31.3.2005, for a further period of five years up to 31.3.2010. To facilitate expansions in floor area and construction of facilities for women and children, etc. in these 1562 courts, Government has provided financial assistance to the States in 2005-06 and 2006-07. No central assistance is being provided specifically for construction of fresh FTCs. An amount of Rs. 100 crore was provided to the States in 2005-06 and an amount of Rs. 102.93 crore provided in 2006-07 based on the satisfactory utilization reported by the States. The details of amount released in these two years both for recurring and non recurring expenditure are at Annexure I and II respectively.

The Central Government separately provides funds to the State Governments, inter alia, for construction of courts under the continuing Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme of Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary.